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NEW FOOD COURSES OFFERED

The county health department's school program for workers in the food industry in the Monterey area has received full co-operation and support from Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey, Business Agent George L. Rice of the union announces.

Classes are held each Thursday, one at 3 p. m. and the other at 8 p. m. in order that all interested parties may attend. Certificates in food handling are given those who attend the course, which is being presented at the County Health Clinic, 550 Calle Principal.

FOUR SECTIONS

The four sections of the course include:

Communicable diseases and personal hygiene—The study of disease, what causes it and methods of prevention. The part food establishments play in the prevention of food poisoning and the spread of disease. A discussion of personal hygiene as it relates to the food industry. Films: Motion picture "Eating Out." Film strip "Germs Take Pot Luck."

CONTROL TOPICS

Utensil Sterilization and Handling—A discussion of approved methods of sterilization and recommended detergents and sterilizers. Proper methods to be used in the care and storage of equipment and utensils. Films: Motion picture "Twix Cup and Lip." Film strip "In Hot Water."

Food storage and vermin control—A discussion of the proper methods of preparing, serving and storage of foods. Methods of controlling flies, roaches and rodents in food establishments. Films: Film strip "In Your Hands," "Safe Food For Safe Health."

State Restaurant act—A discussion of the new State Restaurant Act and local ordinances governing food establishments. Film strip: "Service With a Smile." Awarding of certificates.

New Culinary, Bar Pact Sought

Negotiations for a new contract covering members of Culinary Workers and Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey were to be resumed on Wednesday of this week at a meeting between union officials and representatives of three employer groups involved. Business Agent George L. Rice of Local 483 reported.

Employer representatives include Joseph Sullivan, representing hotel owners, and Attorney John Redhead, representing the Tavern Owners Association and the Restaurant Owners Association.

Union representatives in negotiations include Rice and Attorney Russell Zaches.

BOX MAKERS ASK NEW PACT

Negotiations for a new wage and working conditions agreement covering the box making industry in Salinas area were under way last week by Box Makers Union 3034.

Union Representative James Sims was assisted in meetings with employer representatives by "Red" Williams, international representative of the Carpenters Union.

UNION-BUILT TRACK OPENS

The Salinas Valley Recreation Center, now featuring a midget automobile race track, opened to a good crowd last week.

The track and recreation center was built by union workmen and additional work is being done by carpenters and laborers at the present time, union officials report.

Heavy Fish Catches Worry Belgian Fleet

Brussels.—The Belgian fishing fleet is meeting with difficulties resulting from its recent modernization. So much fish is being caught that an outlet cannot be found for all of it. The output has risen since the war from 39,000 to 70,000 tons.

Bargaining!

Washington.—The General Motors plant at Sandusky, Ohio, soon will be the scene of one of the more involved collective bargaining elections in NLRB history. Three unions, the United Auto Workers-CIO, the International Association of Machinists, and the Mechanics Educational Society of America, both unaffiliated, and G.M. have requested that the plant be considered a single bargaining unit. But the AFL Operating Engineers, Plumbers, and Blacksmiths unions all have asserted their rights to jurisdiction over workers in their crafts. UAW and IAM will appear on the ballot of all the workers, while the Operating Engineers will also be on the ballot of the group over which they claim jurisdiction, and the Plumbers for their group.

ELECTRICAL PROJECTS UP

Various projects in the Salinas area which are calling for union electricians are showing a slight gain, despite weather conditions. Business Representative Carl S. Lara of Electricians Union 243 reports.

Completion of electrical installations for the radio transmitter at Toro Peak is due this week, weather permitting, the work by the Rudine Construction Co. of Los Angeles.

Enterprise Electric Co. is spurring installations at the new Sears Roebuck store on South Main St.

Louie's Electrical Shop is starting installations at the J. C. Penny Co. building and the new drive-in theatre on East Market St.

British Business Opposes Price Cut

London.—The Federation of British Industries, called upon by the government to evolve a voluntary scheme to reduce profits and prices, issued a long-winded reply which adds up to "No."

The FBI, corresponding to the United States National Association of Manufacturers, declined to recommend any reduction in dividends "except in special circumstances" but stressed that there is no guarantee the recommendation will be followed.

On prices, the big business outfit commented that if labor agrees to wage freezing, it would seem desirable for manufacturers to try to keep prices stable. It added, however, that raw material costs have risen and are still rising and that consumer prices must reflect these increases.

Furthermore, it said, manufacturers will feel compelled to raise prices if fuel or transport costs rise or if taxes are increased.

The FBI also warned that stable wages combined with lower would increase workers' purchasing power and would therefore be "inflationary."

Plumbers Busy In Salinas Area

All plumbers of the Salinas area are continuing busy on various projects, reports J. B. McGinley, business representative for Plumbers Union 503.

Work prospects are continuing good and the employment picture is unusually bright, McGinley added.

Each has to his credit 40 "quarters of coverage." They are "permanently insured." These "permanently insured" employees in commerce and industry have at least minimum protection for life, regardless of their future work history.

However, the amount of the benefits they and their families will receive will depend to a great degree upon their further employment in work covered by the Social Security Act, Teamsters Union Local 890 points out.

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For further information the union urges you to call at your nearest social security office.

COLA AND ACME ON FAIR LIST

Good news comes from Teamsters Local 890 this week, with the announcement that difficulties with the Coca Cola Bottling Company of Salinas have been settled.

Products distributed by this firm now fully warrant the patronage of organized labor and its friends.

FAIR STATUS

Settlement of the matter was announced last Friday. The union immediately issued requests for publicity on the "fair" status of products distributed by the firm, which include Coca Cola and Acme Beer.

Anyone desiring further information on the situation may contact the Teamsters Union at Salinas for full details.

AID APPRECIATED

"We wish to thank all of our friends who have assisted us so completely and whole-heartedly in this issue," said a statement issued by Local 890 Secretary Peter A. Andrade.

So remember, Coca Cola and Acme Beer distributed by the Coca Cola Bottling Company of Salinas are fair and warrant full patronage.

RENT LAW GRANTS 15 PER CENT RAISE

San Francisco.—The rent bill which was passed by Congress sanctions rent increases up to 15 per cent when landlords and tenants agree on a lease running through 1949. Tenants who signed up last year for such voluntary increases could not be charged another. Their present rent rates would be frozen through the life of the law—until March 31, 1949.

Hotel accommodations are deregulated. Controls are lifted from housing accommodations covered by leases which were terminated between January 1, 1948, and the effective date of the new act.

Where a lease was signed under the present law and was terminated before January 1, 1947, by death of a tenant or for any other reason, the quarters remained under control of the 1947 act.

Tenants can be evicted on 60 days' notice in cases where the landlord wants the quarters for his personal use or plans substantial alterations or demolition of the accommodations, or decides to withdraw the quarters from the rental market.

Minimum!

Washington.—Hoping for action before mid-April, Senator Joseph Ball (R. Minn.) has introduced a bill making changes in the Fair Labor Standards Act. Senator Ball, head of the Senate's subcommittee on Labor and Public Welfare, would increase the hourly minimum wage to 60 cents, at the same time giving industry committees leeway, depending on "regional economic factors," to set the minimum as low as 50 cents and as high as 70 cents. The bill also proposes a 50-cent minimum for learners' wages and an exemption from the 40-hour week clause of the former bill for all employees earning over \$400 a month.

Surviving are his widow and a daughter, Mrs. Boyd Beall, wife of the Monterey postmaster, and two grandchildren.

The services were held March 31, with interment in the Monterey Cemetery. Union officials of Local 483 conducted the burial ritual at the graveside. Honorary pall bearers included comrades of Mr. McCutcheon during the Spanish-American War era. Active pall bearers were bartenders who had worked with him in past years.

Attention, all members of Teamsters Union Local 890 and especially those members who reside in the Alisal area:

Many retail bakery trucks are going from house to house in the Alisal area selling baked goods. We wish to bring to your attention that only one of these trucks is delivering goods made by a union bakery and delivered by a union driver—that is the Alisal Bakery.

The Alisal Bakery is 100 per cent union and merits your patronage. Again, we reiterate that no retail trucks other than the Alisal Bakery is union.

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Monterey Laborers Hold Big Barbecue

Laborers of Monterey, Local 690 were guests at a mammoth barbecue for members, friends and special guests at the American Legion Park in Monterey last Sunday.

Business Representative S. M. Thomas of the union said the affair was an annual presentation of the union for members.

Work for laborers in the area is improving rapidly with many new projects. Excavation for the new Seaside School building has started and this project alone will provide a good amount of work, Thomas added.

In other words, being "permanently insured" does not mean that the amount some day payable in benefits will not change. If you continue to work in covered employment—at the same or higher wages—after earning the 40 quarters of coverage, your benefits increase. If you leave covered employment, your benefit decreases.

For further information the union urges you to call at your nearest social security office.

MAIL MEN DELIVER



On a recent radio show, Fred Allen asked his friends on Allen's Alley whether they favored increased salaries for postal workers. All questioned answered yes. To thank him for backing their drive for a \$1,000 yearly wage boost, Pres. Ephraim Handman of the New York Federation of Post Office Clerks (AFL) I., Mike Dolan and Patrick J. Fitzgerald bring him a mammoth postcard from hundreds of fellow employees.

Council President E.D. McCutcheon Dies After Long Career With Labor

Death ended a long illness for E. D. McCutcheon, president of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council, the 71-year-old laborer and war veteran passing quietly at his home at 4 a.m., March 27.

Brother McCutcheon was a veteran of the Spanish-American War and had spent 16 years in the United States Army. He had been discharged from the Army at the Monterey Presidio some 45 years ago and had spent the rest of his years in Monterey.

He had been president of the Central Labor Council in Monterey for the past seven years. He had served Culinary-Bartenders' Union 483 as president for six terms and had held all offices of Local 483 during his 43 years of membership.

Widely known throughout the state for his militant stands in regard to organized labor, Mr. McCutcheon's death is mourned by union officials and friends over a wide area, as indicated by the unusual volume of floral offerings at the funeral services.

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TRIBUTE PAID PAINTER BOSS

Tribute was paid to the late Arthur McIntyre, Salinas painting contractor who passed away recently, in a memorial resolution sent to his family by the international union of painters and decorative painters.

Carl S. Lara, business agent of Painters Union 1104, said that a check for \$400 benefit accompanied the resolution.

FIRST LETTUCE SHIPPED EAST

The first carload of lettuce of the current season was shipped to New York last week from Salinas, the lettuce coming from Tom Chung's ranch near Gonzales and sent "dry pack." Ice-packed lettuce shipments are expected to be started this week in opening an important season, it was reported.

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ELECTION ACTIVITY MAPPED

Activity was resumed last week by the Labor Educational Committee of the Monterey County Central Labor Council, this committee being the political arm of AFL unions in the Salinas area, reports John W. Deer, council secretary.

Plans to create a county-wide committee for political activity and action are being made by the Salinas council and by the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council, Deer added.

JOINT ACTION

A joint meeting of representatives of the two councils will be held shortly to set up a joint committee, decide upon an official name, and start political activity in behalf of union members, he said.

George L. Rice, secretary of Monterey Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 and a candidate for election to the state assembly, was a visitor at the Salinas labor council meeting recently to urge joint activity by the two central bodies.

The Salinas council has taken several legislative actions in past meetings, Deer adds.

FULL RAIL CREW

Opposition to the petitions being circulated in the area, calling for elimination of the state's full crew law for railroads, has been voiced by the council and a committee headed by Albert Harris, representative of Teamsters Union 890, has been named to investigate the petition.

Telegrams have been sent to Senator William Knowland urging him to vote against any cut in the coming appropriation for the United States Department of Labor.

The question of study and possible endorsement of the new county building code was referred by the Salinas Council to the AFL Co-ordinating Committee, made up of building trades unions, for study and recommendation.

Adoption of revisions to the labor council by-laws was scheduled for last week's council meeting and Deer promised a full report on the changes later.

Salinas Painters Continue Active

Work for painters of the Salinas area is continuing above average for this time of the year and despite adverse weather conditions of past days the outlook is bright, Secretary Carl S. Lara of Painters Union 1104 reports.

The Arthur McIntyre shop is now painting the fixtures of the Sears Roebuck store basement.

Lindell Paint Shop is doing work at the Clark Bros. transit company holdings in Industrial Acres. J. T. Brown, local painting contractor incorrectly listed as coming from Los Angeles in a recent report, is practically finished with the radio transmitter buildings on Toro Peak.

Coca Cola Bottling Company,

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Our Own Knitting Comes First

With all the scare heads used by the daily press to get people all hot and bothered about starting another war in Europe, we should at no time, not even for a fraction of a minute, lose sight of the fact that our own knitting here at home comes ahead of anything that either exists or can be cooked up abroad.

This is election year. We have an enormous house-cleaning job to do in our American Congress. At present it is overfilled with people who are so antagonistic to American labor that they helped enact the infamous Taft-Hartley bill, whose aim and purpose is to outlaw labor unions, wreck them completely, and then just let anti-union employers quietly proceed to reduce American labor to a condition of slavery and servitude, where they will be helpless and defenseless.

This housecleaning of anti-labor members in Congress must be accomplished or labor will pay dearly for not using their votes intelligently. Sixteen of our 23 California Congressmen voted wrong. We must elect men or women to Congress who will vote to repeal the Taft-Hartley slave breeding law.

Strange Quirks of Loyalty

In the vicious attacks that are being made by Congress through laws and special committees to undermine the very foundations upon which labor unions are based it is a common practice for these super patriots to spread eagle a lot about their own loyalty to the United States flag and the supposed disloyalty of anybody and everybody who happens to disagree with them.

Most of these instigators of smear campaigns are lawyers, who of all people should know what the law is. Especially should they know their constitution, which they are sworn to support and obey. Yet these same people are the very ones who are busy these days passing both state laws and national laws to supplant the constitution.

The Taft-Hartley law may have many provisions in it that ultimately will be declared unconstitutional. Many eminent lawyers claim the entire law should be declared unconstitutional and wiped off the statute books. But all that might take from five to ten years or longer. Hence the smartest thing for labor to do is to elect a Congress that will repeal it.

In the meantime it becomes a fair question to ask how a man who is spending his waking moments to pass unconstitutional laws has any superclaim on being loyal. The Hot Cargo law in California was such a law. Who passed it?

Register and Vote

If you are not registered get it done at once. Don't wait for anybody to come to you but go to your county court house and get registered immediately. Millions have lost their right to vote by putting registering off till it was too late. Only a few days remain to register for the June 1st primary. Forty days before that date the door will be closed, so no one can register for the primary after that date.

There is a very definite reason why every citizen should vote at the primary. That reason is that if he does not such failure often results in the nomination going to most undesirable candidates. Often our cross filing system in California results in a very undesirable candidate getting two or more party nominations. Sometimes a shamefully low percentage of votes accomplishes just this because so many people didn't bother to vote at primaries.

If you are registered don't go to sleep on that. Get as many others as you find not to be registered to attend to this duty without delay. April 22nd is getting plenty close. Nobody can register for the primary after that.

Flashlight of Congress

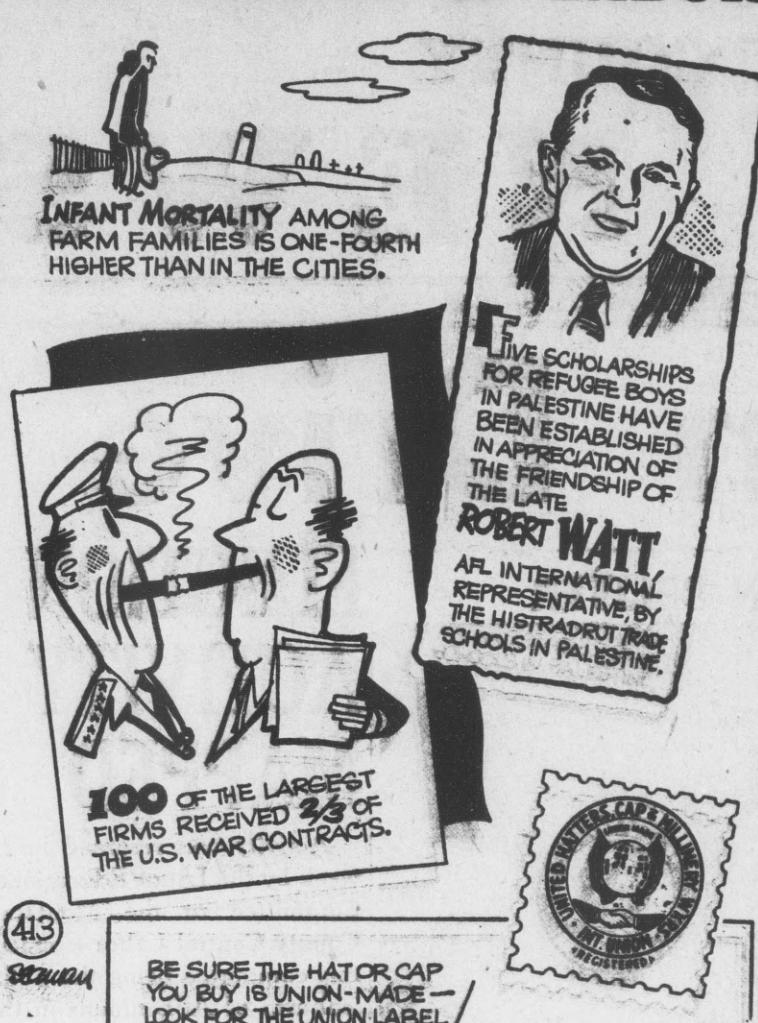
When the House of Representatives decided to include Franco's government in the six billion appropriation for foreign aid that body demonstrated its brazen disregard for the democratic principles its members are supposed to stand for. England and France protested. So did Truman and the Senate removed the aid for Franco from the bill.

As everybody should know Franco rose to power with the aid of a fascist army equipped by Germany and Italy after fighting a three years civil war against a people's elected government in Spain.

This crushing of the people's government in Spain was the real start of our recent World War II. Franco's dictatorship was set up in its place. Since when did Americans develop such admiration for dictatorships as the House demonstrated by its recent vote?

It is a sad reflection on our American Congress that even one house should go for such an attitude towards one of the worst dictatorships on earth. It makes everything these lawmakers say about democracy and free peoples sound hollow and hypocritical.

THE MARCH OF LABOR



WISCONSIN BANS ANTI-STRIKE ACT

Madison, Wis.—A state law forbidding strikes in public utilities has been declared unconstitutional by Circuit Judge Reis. The law, enacted in the Taft-Hartley wave in 1947, provided for compulsory arbitration in public utilities labor-management disputes and prohibited all strike action.

The judge's decision was issued in the course of granting the Dairyland Power Cooperative an injunction against the State Employment Relations Board, which had sought to require compulsory arbitration in a dispute between the co-op and its electrical workers.

Judge Reis said the compulsory arbitration and interwoven anti-strike features of the law are thoroughly unconstitutional, on the grounds that:

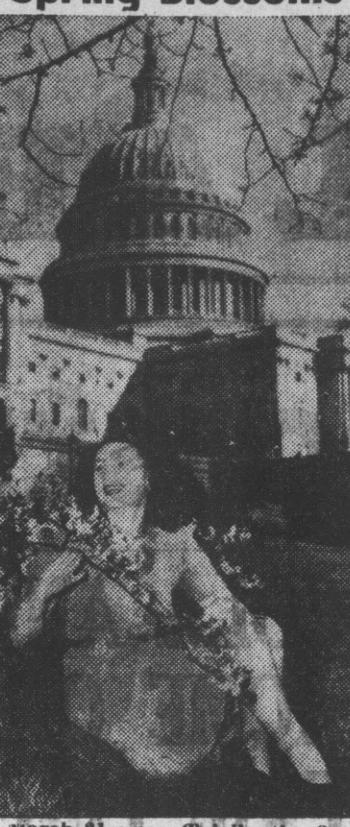
1. It forces public utility employees into involuntary servitude contrary to the federal constitution.

2. It deprives them of liberty without due process of law contrary to the 14th amendment to the federal constitution.

3. It is discriminatory in its application, making "slaves" of utility workers while other workers retain their right to strike.

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL

Spring Blossoms



March 21 was officially the first day of spring. But in the nation's capital, winter doesn't disappear until the cherry blossoms bloom. And here they are in all their glory waking up after a record cold season. Peggy Bolstad, Senate employee, breathes in the beauty.

'Slave Law' Assailed For 'Disunity' Aid

Reading, Pa.—Lewis G. Hines, AFL national legislative representative, blasted the Taft-Hartley law and declared it was foisted on the American people by the National Association of Manufacturers which represents the big business interests of the nation.

Hines was the principal speaker at a dinner meeting which concluded a 2-day educational institute held on the campus of Albright College here under the auspices of the Conference of Eastern Pennsylvania Central Labor Unions.

The AFL spokesman said the general public has been victimized by the propaganda barrage laid down by the NAM and other anti-labor organizations. He charged that the law has created disunity in the nation at a time when the menace of communism demands unified action by all groups to preserve democracy.

Declaring that any further increase in the cost of rented living quarters would be "an intolerable burden on the nation's wage earners," Mr. Green called for elimination from the rent control bills, passed by the House and Senate and now awaiting a conference report, the section giving local rent boards the power to determine whether rent control is required in any specific locality. He said:

"This provision is tantamount to approving the wholesale lifting of rent control throughout the United States since the majority of these boards have been and will continue to be dominated by the local real estate interests."

STRONGER RENT CONTROL URGED

Washington.—AFL President William Green warned that failure of Congress to extend rent control in strengthened form will mean that "rent control will prove worthless and rents will increase drastically."

Mr. Green's warning came in letters sent to Senator Charles W. Tobey and Representative Jesse P. Wolcott, chairmen of the Senate and House Banking and Currency Committees, urging them to approve adequate rent control measures on behalf of the millions of citizens who rent their homes.

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ITU DENIED INJUNCTION STAY; 'NO CONTRACT' POLICY NULLIFIED

Hammond, Indiana.—Federal Judge Luther M. Swyert refused to suspend the temporary injunction he issued against the AFL's International Typographical Union pending an appeal of the case by union attorneys.

The injunction, issued at the request of the government, acting under the Taft-Hartley law, restrains the union and its principal officers from encouraging strikes in violation of the law.

The order will remain in effect until the National Labor Relations Board completes action on the charges brought against the union by the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

Union attorneys Gerhard P. Van Arkel and Henry Kaiser said the union would comply with the terms of the injunction which for its duration nullifies the union's "no contract" policy as a basis of the union's negotiations with publishers.

A joint statement prepared by union counsel and attorneys for the NLRB outlined the manner of operation for the union under the injunction. The statement said:

"In view of the denial of the stay pending appeal on the decree issued by Judge Luther M. Swyert, attorneys for the general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board and the International Typographical Union discussed the problems arising out of compliance with the decree.

"The union will immediately take steps to comply with the decree during the life of the injunction and until the final order of the NLRB.

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ward the termination of any present strikes in the newspaper publishing industry, and that support by the International Typographical Union of current strikes would be contingent upon the striking local union's full compliance with new instructions to be issued by the international union in accordance with the decree.

"The international union agreed to recommend such form of agreement which does not contain any discriminatory provisions based on union membership or non-membership to its local unions as a basis for negotiations to instruct its local unions to disregard advice previously given, and to enter into agreements for a definite term."

Opinions given by the opposing counsel made it clear that current newspaper printers' strikes, payment of strike benefits by the international union, picketing, and other strike activities, could continue without risk to the international contempt of court action by Mr. Denham, provided the international advised its 850 locals to notify their employers of their willingness to bargain in good faith, and withdraw previous instructions to locals to insist on a "no contract" policy.

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COMING



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The UNION LABEL has the same purpose today as it had in 1869 in America and in ancient Rome. It is the trademark of goods manufactured under humane conditions. It is today the trademark of the American standard of living.

UNION LABEL WEEK will constitute a postwar revival of interest in the UNION LABEL. It is the bold answer to an imperative need for all members and friends of the American Federation of Labor to be forcefully reminded that the UNION LABEL buying habit is as important to a healthy trade-union movement today as it was in 1869.

All loyal trade unionists should start now in making this revival a success by helping their local unions, their city central bodies, and their building trades councils lay plans for a successful UNION LABEL WEEK demonstration in their home towns.

A UNION LABEL WEEK program in your home town will pay dividends not only in a greater demand for union goods and services and more stable employment for fellow unionists, but in public relations for the entire American Federation of Labor.

UNION LABEL WEEK MAY 10-16, 1948

Shasta Power

It is not being wasted now It need never be wasted

You, as a user of electric power and as a taxpayer, have an important stake in the Shasta power question. In this message we outline what's behind the discussion—and offer the facts for all to read.

Additional Shasta Power Will Help. We have been and are doing all we can to correct the power shortage. Power from every possible source, in this drought year, must be distributed to northern and central California. Shasta is expected to provide about 75,000 additional kilowatts April 15, when a new generator comes into service. There'll be a like amount later on. Our total demands run about 2,000,000 kilowatts. Shasta will help—every bit of power counts—but Shasta power alone won't solve the problem.

Shasta Power Now Being Used. No Shasta power is going to waste now. It's being fed onto our lines and is being used along with power from about 75 other sources. It has been used since June 26, 1944, under a contract between P. G. and E. and the Bureau of Reclamation—a Federal government agency.

What's the Problem? Actually, there shouldn't be any problem... but there is. The Bureau doesn't want to extend the contract to cover the new Shasta power, even for the balance of this year. Instead, the Bureau has reluctantly agreed to put the additional power on our lines during the emergency on a day to day basis. We have agreed to take it that way—this assures no waste of Shasta Power during the emergency—but leaves the long-range disposition of the power unsettled.

Why Is There a Contract Dispute? It started back in 1941. When Shasta construction began we offered to supply a market for Shasta power and offered to coordinate our operations with those of the Bureau at Shasta and Keswick (another unit of the Central Valley Project). At that time the Bureau demanded that we "convey" Shasta power over our lines to enable them to sell it to various public agencies. It is not physically possible to do this, but in any event we couldn't agree to such a demand. These agencies were and are our customers and are being served under rates established or approved by the California Public Utilities Commission. Such a demand, were it carried out, would amount to virtual confiscation of a good part of our business. An agreement on our part would be just as foolish as for a milk company to agree to furnish their trucks and delivery men to someone else—who would begin delivering their own milk to the milk company's customers.

Wartime Contract Signed in 1943. Congress finally took a hand. In 1942 the Senate Appropriations Committee recommended that the Secretary of the Interior and P. G. and E. "immediately enter into a contract, for the duration of the war and a reasonable time thereafter".

The Bureau then agreed to a contract—without the "conveyance" clause. That contract was signed in 1943 and is still in force. It will be until the end of this year.

We have the service organization, the substations and all the necessary lines to get the power to the public.

How to Solve the Long-Range Problem Since Shasta began to produce we've been buying power and paying for it. Our point is this: all northern and central California should share in Shasta power—not a few selected agencies or customers. It can be made available to the homes, farms and factories in the area. Fair terms have been offered by the P. G. and E. If there is a dispute as to price, we will submit it to the California Public Utilities Commission or to the Federal Power Commission and abide by the decision, although in 1943 Harold L. Ickes, then Secretary of the Interior, said we had agreed to pay a "fair and equitable price for the power".

Transmission Lines Available. P. G. and E. transmission lines are ready at our Shasta substation to take the output of the generators to come into service this month and in July. Before another month passes we will have still another transmission line south from Shasta substation. With that line in operation all the power to be produced at Shasta and Keswick Dams can be distributed over northern and central California.

All the government need do is build its transmission lines to Shasta substation—25 miles. It has the money to do that, appropriated by Congress last year. The Bureau of Reclamation and the Federal Taxpayer, whose money it spends, need do no more.

P.G. & E.

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HINTS FOR HOMEMAKING

HOW TO WRING CLOTHES

Running clothes through the wringer in a lump is hard on both clothes and wringer. Your clothes and your wringer will last longer if you fold the clothes smoothly before putting them through the wringer.

This is just one of the tips on clothes wringing offered by Miss Gladys Ward of the home-making staff, University of Illinois College of Agriculture.

Another suggestion is to fold small buttons or other fastenings under a layer of the fabric. This prevents them from coming into direct contact with the rolls. Belts and sashes, too, should be folded under so that they do not catch in the rolls.

Large buttons or buckles should not go through the wringer. They are likely to break, tear off or damage the rubber on the rolls. It is best to wring by hand garments with heavy buttons or buckles.

Sometimes small articles like handkerchiefs stick to one roll and are turned over and over. You can avoid this by folding them inside a towel or other large piece before wringing.

Miss Ward says it's best to let the machine wring at its own pace. If you try to hurry the job by pulling or forcing pieces through, the wringer mechanism will be damaged.

When your laundry is finished, release the pressure on the wringer so that the rolls separate. If they are left pressed together, flat places will form which make for incomplete wringing. The rolls should be wiped dry after use. If they are stained by colored clothes, they should be washed and dried.

Never allow grease or oil to get on the rolls. Contact with grease or oil will cause the rubber to rot.

PICTURE HANGING

If you're not satisfied with the way your pictures are hung, you can find a lot of good ideas in a new University of Illinois leaflet, "Pictures on Your Walls." All these picturehanging ideas are clearly illustrated. Unsatisfactory arrangements are shown beside the more pleasing arrangements.

Perhaps your problem is that your pictures don't show up against a patterned wallpaper. The leaflet illustrates several ways to set the picture off. You can place a piece of fabric, the color of the wall, behind the picture. A wide mat, too, will accent the picture and separate it from the pattern behind it.

Sometimes a picture seems to dangle in midair. To avoid this, you can arrange the furniture and the picture so that they form a unit. For example, a chest or table might be placed under a picture so that they balance each other. The leaflet illustrates the importance of the amount of space between the picture and the table. If the picture is too high, you will have two separate objects of interest instead of one harmonious unit. But when the picture is lowered a few inches, the table will appear to support it.

Consider, too, the size of the furniture and of the wall space in relation to the size of the picture. A large picture in a heavy frame will overbalance a slender table. A small picture against a large wall space will seem isolated.

The leaflet also shows many ways of grouping pictures attractively, in relation both to each other and to the furniture.

For a copy of "Pictures on Your Walls," write to University of Illinois College of Agriculture, Urbana, Illinois.

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Million Women
Seek Wage Boost

London. - Talks have opened here among four unions to work out wage demands for more than one million women workers in the shipbuilding and engineering industries.

Average earnings of women engineers, including overtime, is as low as \$8 per week.

The four unions concerned are the Transport and General Workers, the Electrical Trades Union, the Amalgamated Engineering Union, and the General and Municipal Workers.

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FOREMAN: "Now, then, hurry up!"

WORKER: "All right, boss. But Rome wasn't built in a day."

FOREMAN: "Maybe not. But I wasn't foreman on that job."

WORKER: "I know what you mean."

POLITICIAN: "Did your paper say I was a liar and a scoundrel?"

EDITOR: "It did not."

POLITICIAN: "Well, some paper in this town said so."

EDITOR: "It may have been our contemporary down the street. We never print stale news."

WE never print stale news."

CUSTOMER (at cigar counter, pointing): "I always smoke that brand there in the can."

CLERK: "I'm sure there's no better place to smoke them, sir."

"I believe that the first test of a truly great man is his humility. I do not mean by humility doubt of his own power. But really great men have a curious feeling that the greatness is not in them but through them. And they see something divine in every other man, and are endlessly, foolishly, incredibly merciful." - JOHN RUSKIN.

ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD JIMMY (explaining what he had learned in school): "You're a pronoun."

HIS LITTLE SISTER: "Oh-yeah? Well, you is a dope, and that's worse."

PRODUCE DRIVERS

Negotiations are continuing. Another meeting is scheduled for

Tuesday, April 6 at which time we

expect to receive a favorable pro-

posal from the employers in order

that we may call a special meet-

ing for all produce drivers in the

union bulletin board in this plant.

Frank Raiter Canning Company in

Salinas began processing on

Thursday, April 1. We have received

no information as to when the

Hollister Canning Company will

open, also as to the date of open-

ing for the Watsonville Canning

Company. Watch this column for

further news regarding the open-

ing dates of these two canneries.

UNITARIES

unitarily increased as agreed with

rates of pay ranging from five

cents per hour for women ranging

to 15 cents an hour on bracket

one. A copy will be posted on the

union bulletin board in this plant.

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ICE INDUSTRY

Company proposals will have

been submitted to the men em-

ployed in the ice industry when

you read this column.

CONSTRUCTION, OVER THE

ROAD, SHORT LINE AND LO-

CALL PICK UP AND DELIVERY.

Negotiations are going on in the

construction and over the road in-

dustry and it is likely that com-

pany proposals will result from

these meetings soon, wherein this

group will be called to special

meeting. It is important that Un-

ion Shop elections must be held in

all of these industries because of

the Taft-Hartley law.

We have been insisting that all

of our members be registered vot-

ers for the simple reason that un-

less fair minded people are placed

in public office to represent all of

the people in the community and

their interests, we will continue to

face adverse legislation such as we

had in the past two years in the

State legislature in California, and

especially Mr. Bramblett who rep-

resents special interests had a 100

per cent bad record in Congress.

As a result, we have the Taft-

Hartley law, known as the Man-

agement Relations Act of 1947

which is reducing the take home

pay of people in all walks of life

throughout the nation. This man

must be removed from public of-

fice. State Assemblyman, Mr. Sill-

VERDICT UPHELD IN DEATH AWARD

San Francisco. — The California Industrial Accident Commission has been upheld by the United States Supreme Court on an award of death benefits in favor of a minor son of an employee killed in an industrial injury, reports Paul Scharrenberg, state director of industrial relations.

Robert W. Humphreys, who was killed when a tractor overturned, was survived by his wife, from whom he had been separated for several years, and a son aged 17.

The Industrial Accident Commission issued an award based on Labor Code Section 3501(b), which provides that a child under the age of 18 is conclusively presumed to be wholly dependent upon a deceased parent, for whose maintenance the parent was legally liable at the time of injury.

The insurance carrier resisted the son's claim because he was working and supporting himself, and also was contributing some of his earnings to the support of his mother, with whom he lived.

Pickets Change Politician's View

Peoria, Ill. — Greeted with a picketline, Robert S. Kerr, former governor of Oklahoma and candidate for the United States Senate, agreed he would bargain with the American Federation of Radio Artists (AFL) as soon as the Federal Communications Commission approves the stock transfer which will give him entire control of STATION WEEK.

Handing out leaflets telling how the radio station has refused to bargain, the pickets carried signs saying: "Welcome to Gov. Kerr, the union buster—from the announcers, singers and writers at STATION WEEK."

Upon his arrival, Kerr approached the pickets and shook hands with them. A conference between him and AFRA Field Representative Ed Schlesinger followed. Kerr claimed that although he is chairman of the board of West Central Broadcasting Company, which owns and operates STATION WEEK, he had up until the stock transfer no say in policy.

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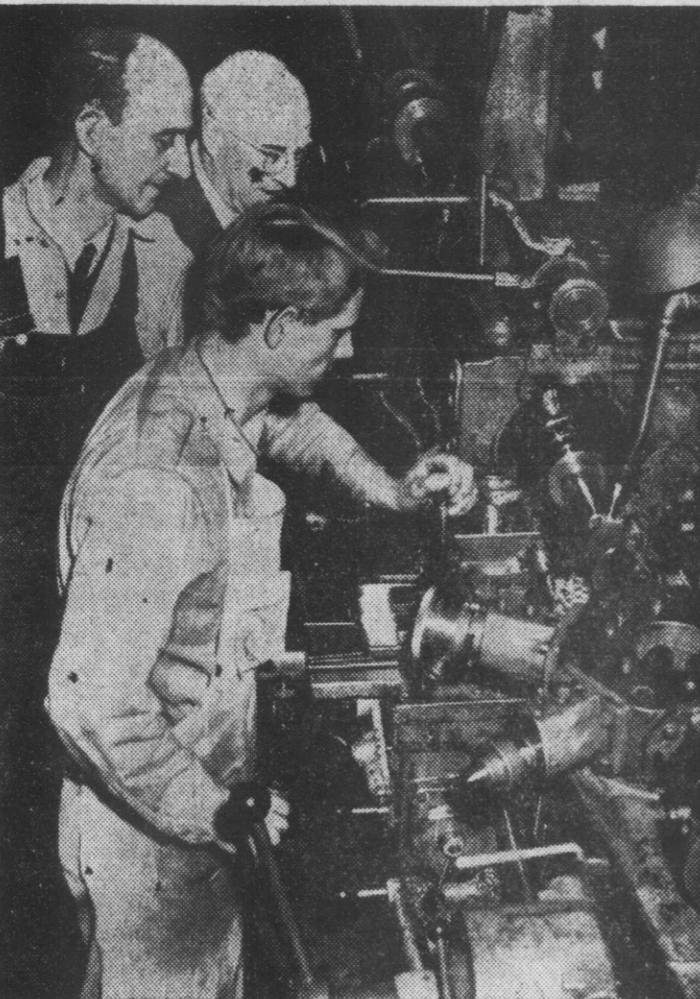
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On-Job Vet Training



Organized labor is cooperating closely in the establishment of uniform minimum standards for on-the-job training for veterans, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. Here a group of veterans enjoy the benefits of such standards as they learn the pipe-making trade in a Washington, D.C. pipe manufactory.

STEADY EMPLOYMENT FOUND BY BLS DURING FEBRUARY

Washington, D.C. — The employment situation continued fundamentally steady in February and early March, despite a sharp rise in both unemployment and part-time work, Ewan Clague, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, said here.

Unfavorable weather and shortages of industrial fuel curtailed operations and forced layoffs in some important fields, but at the same time other lines were able to expand activity in preparation for the Easter season, he added.

"No significant signs of weakness or of any wavering of employment in the face of February's price uncertainties were revealed in the current employment reports," Clague declared. "While there were some indications of increased caution by businessmen in making commitments, much of this appeared to be favorable for the long run. An important factor, although it cannot be measured, was the heightened tension in international affairs."

With outdoor activity and some of the heavy goods industries forced to mark time during February, the number of persons actually at work and the number of man-hours put in on the job fell sharply, the BLS Commissioner reported.

"Construction and the automobile industry," he continued, "were the hardest hit during the month. Construction employment, however, was above February a year ago and exceeded considerably the February levels in the years just before the war. Similarly, automobile employment remained close to the record level of a million jobs. The pre-Easter expansion in the textile and apparel industries brought employment in those fields to a new all-time high. There were 10 per cent more jobs in the industries than a year ago and 2 per cent more in the textile group."

Employers now are required to keep basic records, such as time cards and similar working records, for two years. This provision, McComb said, would remain the same.

Pinboy Pay Rests On Customer Fee

Detroit. — Pinboys employed by Bowling Proprietors Association of Greater Detroit will be paid in proportion to what bowlers are charged by the owners in a new contract with Building Service Employees International Union (AFL).

Their present pay is 10½ per line, working out to \$10.50 per 8-hour day, will go up if the present charge to the bowler of 33¢ a line goes above 35¢. The pay goes down if the charge is cut 30¢.

Other employees got raises tied to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics price index. The mechanics will get \$1.75 an hour, janitors \$1.12½ an hour.

RECORD REGULATIONS MAY BE MODIFIED

Washington, D.C. — William R. McComb, Administrator of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, United States Department of Labor, has made public a proposed amendment to the Fair Labor Standards Act record-keeping regulations which would require employers to keep for only three years certain records now required to be kept for four years.

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"To solve labor problems, he's pushing a plan to make the AFL and CIO subsidiaries of the NAM."

LOCAL 483 REPORTS



HOTEL AND RESTAURANT
EMPLOYEES & BARTENDERS
ALLIANCE 483
MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

All news of importance and interest to our membership is, of course, topped this week by "Mac's" passing. His long and interesting life—as a soldier, citizen, and union worker, came to a close on March 27 at 4 a.m. He was laid to rest in Monterey Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, after a simple but heartfelt service conducted at the Mission Mortuary Chapel.

The honorary pallbearers were Mac's old buddies, fellow veterans of the Spanish-American War, while the active pallbearers were members of Local 483, plus Brother R. R. Robinson, vice president of the Monterey Central Labor Council. The dozens of beautiful floral pieces were eloquent tribute and testimonial of the many, many friends Mac had made during his lifetime. Graveside services were conducted by fellow officers of Local 483, and were a sincere expression of the high regard in which Mac was held by his fellow workers.

Mac had served Local 483 for the past 11 years, during which time he held just about every office available. He was well known to literally thousands of Culinary and Bar workers who, at one time or another, have worked under the jurisdiction of our local. They will miss him in time to come. Mac's loyalty to the Union, his concern for his fellow worker, and his constant service in our behalf, had endeared him to all the members of Local 483. We shall miss him, too.

A meeting of the Local's contract committee with the representatives of the three Employers' Associations has been tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 7. The employers, and their advisors, have had ample time to study the proposed new contracts, so we will now commence negotiations, and attempt to have a complete understanding worked out prior to the May 1 expiration date of the present agreements. The membership will be kept fully informed of all developments.

The secretaries and business agents of all the Culinary and Bar locals of the Monterey Bay area—encompassing Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Castroville, Salinas, and the Monterey Peninsula area, have been working for some time on a program to set up a Joint Committee from all the locals represented.

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All members of the Veterans Administration national advisory group on medical problems, including Dr. Francis M. McKeever, Los Angeles, and Dr. Charles F. McCuskey, Glendale, have accepted reappointment by Carl R. Gray, Jr. Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

Unless veterans attending colleges and universities under the G.I. Bill notify Veterans Administration within 30 days before the end of a term or semester that they do not want to take leave, V.A. automatically will place them on 15 days leave.

The deadline for application for vehicles at government expense under the "autos for amputees" program is June 30. Eligible veterans should submit their applications to V.A. at least 15 days prior to the deadline to allow ample time for processing.

Approximately \$11,405,000 is paid each month by the Veterans Administration Branch 12 area (California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii) in compensation, pension or death benefits to veterans, their dependents or survivors, Colonel Thomas J. Cross, V.A. Branch 12 deputy administrator reports. The monthly payments include \$8,085,000 in disability compensation or pensions to 170,000 veterans of both World Wars and the peacetime regular services; \$1,771,996 in death benefits to 37,000 surviving dependents of veterans, and \$1,547,517 to 34,000 beneficiaries of National Service Life Insurance policies.

The PRIMARY FUNCTION of your secretary and business agent is the enforcement of contract provisions, the settling of small "beefs", the organization of new or non-union houses, and other pertinent UNION activity. When a secretary must, of necessity, become a "collector", the very purpose of having salaried officers is defeated.

Each and every member receives a copy of the Labor News once each week. Each member receives a meeting announcement card once or twice each month. And, finally, each member receives—or should receive, a copy of the Catering Industry Employee each month. It seems to me that the arrival of all this published matter at a member's home, or place of business, should ADEQUATELY SERVE to remind him of his Union—and of the dues and assessments which he is obligated to pay to the organization.

Let's be more careful about these things from here on in. The Union as an organization has a credit rating to maintain also, you know. Operating expenses must be paid promptly. Burial benefits must be paid quickly to the heirs of our departed brothers. Yes, even your salaried officers have a right to expect their pay at the conclusion of each pay period. It takes money to care for all these things. And YOU and YOU and YOU are the folks who must, of necessity, provide that money.

Question: My son, who is in a Veterans Administration hospital, is trying to get a pass to visit me. Will Veterans Administration pay for his transportation to and from the hospital?

Answer: No. All travel while on leave from a Veterans Administration hospital is at the expense of the veteran.

Teamsters Favor Anti-Lynching Law

Houston, Tex.—Denouncing the revolt of the southern governors as "a national disgrace," the 8th convention of the Southern Conference of Teamsters (AFL) called for immediate passage of a federal anti-lynching law.

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